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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand ranged moderate to good, mostly fairly good entering the holiday weekend. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate to instances fully adequate. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was no better than moderate. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current processing schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was steady. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good. Offerings were generally adequate. Breaking stock supplies were mostly adequate with buyers in need of additional product bidding at higher prices. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current needs.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was reported as moderate to good. Supplies were generally adequate.

**MIDWEST** Prices were unchanged in all areas. The trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Retail demand was still slowing and was fairly good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate and continued to build. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was light for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Some buyers needing product were bidding higher prices. Floor stocks were generally balanced to at least adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to good. Supplies generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate to instances good approaching the weekend. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate. Movement of eggs into retail channels in the Atlanta area was 2 percent more than the previous week, but 4 percent less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was no better than moderate. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for immediate needs.

**WEST COAST** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand good. Offerings adequate.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS** - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	117-119	106-108	63-65
New York	81-83	78-81	58-61
Philadelphia	77-81	75-79	54.5-58

### SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	71-72	69.5-71	53-54
Jackson (1)	83-84	78-79	62-63
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-85	69-83	51-65

### MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	70-75	69-74	50-55
Detroit (2)	67-70	66-69	46-49
Major Ohio Cities (2)	68-73	67-71	47-52
Major Wisconsin Cities	71-78	69-76	50-57

### WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	88-89	83-85	64-65
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	110	103	92

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices  
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand good. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 72. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 119, extra large dozen 97-109, large dozen 89-99.

**PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE
JUMBO	123
EXTRA LARGE	110
LARGE	103
MEDIUM	92

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE
JUMBO	110-120
EXTRA LARGE	94-106
LARGE	93-100
MEDIUM	82-88

**PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-199

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were about adequate to adequate for the light to moderate demand. A few buyers in immediate need were bidding slightly higher prices. Floor stocks were generally balanced to at least adequate. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	22-27	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-13	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand ranged from light to moderate with buyers in need of additional product bidding higher prices. Offerings were mostly adequate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending December 25, 1999 was 22% less than last week, and 12% less than the same week last year. PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	24-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	9-13
EASTERN REGION AREA:	
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV	

#### EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-Dec-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	943,156	21,058	9,305	5,265	2,205	3,234
PW	1,197,215	27,472	11,206	6,834	2,755	3,942
LY	888,096	20,127	9,036	4,539	2,273	2,820
% PW	-21	-23	-17	-23	-20	-18
% LY	6	5	3	16	-3	15
1999	57,295,534	1,290,631	549,351	301,927	131,123	182,822
1998	53,977,401	1,237,775	535,166	281,631	125,506	173,078

#### AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.20	41.31	41.12

**NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS** Pasteurized whites reported at 28 cents fob with no pasteurized salt yolk reported. Trade sentiment was about steady for whole egg, mostly steady for whites and barely steady to weak for yolk. Demand was improving on orders for whites and whole egg for next week with offerings adequate to barely adequate for whites and usually adequate for whole egg. Breakers were showing some reluctance to produce additional liquid whole egg at current prices and were working to satisfy regular contracts only. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM Friday 31 December, 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	12	20-25	22.08	-.25
WHITES	8	24.5-26	25.41	.21
YOLKS		TFEWR		

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS** Prices were mostly unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly barely steady with improved business anticipated for next week, with yolk in the weakest position. Supplies were adequate for this week's reduced schedules. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending December 25, 1999 were 26% less than last week, and 9% less than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)			
	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	37-43	39-41	47-52
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		53-65
WHITES	36-40	36-39	42-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-54		57-64
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-51	45-50	56-62

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS** Prices were unchanged for whole egg and whites with yolk unchanged to lower. Business was improved for next week as the shortened holiday weeks disappear. Most interest centers around whole and whites with yolk movement continuing sluggish. Trade sentiment about steady for whole, steady for whites, and barely steady for yolk. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	38-42	38-40
WHITES	37-40	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-54	50-51
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-51	48-50

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS** Prices 1 cent lower on yolks, unchanged on whole and whites. Southern California breaking activity for the holiday week ending 12/25 was 10% less than the previous week. Breaking stock adequate. Frozen demand lighter and freezer stocks adequate. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	44-47
WHITES	42-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-56

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Prices were generally unchanged to lower. The market tone was steady to mostly barely steady. Demand ranged mostly light to moderate. The majority of trading was centered on immediate needs, however, business for future needs showed signs of improvement. Dried egg processed under federal inspection for the week ending December 25, 1999 were 20% less than the previous week, and 3% less than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.			
WHOLE	1.47-1.60	MOSTLY	1.50-1.55
YOLKS	1.25-1.39	MOSTLY	1.28-1.35
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.85-3.15	MOSTLY	2.97-3.05
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.20-1.30	MOSTLY	1.20-1.25

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 23 - DEC 29, 1999

CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	54.29	54.50	55.50	57.85	52.96	55.00	49.00	GNR W 1	53.50	57.18	18.00
GNR W 2	—	49.00	—	—	47.50	52.00	4.00	GNR W 2	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	36.00	37.00	—	—	3.00	GNR W 3	—	42.00	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—	25.50	27.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	62.00	—	1.25
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75	GL W XL	60.00	—	4.00
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	GL W LG	61.29	64.80	19.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	64.00	—	.75	GL W MD	42.20	44.60	10.50
GL W XL	—	—	77.00	74.80	58.68	—	4.50	GL W SM	21.25	—	2.00
GL W LG	—	66.00	61.67	63.00	54.55	—	17.50	NRBS - 42	16.00	18.00	1.00
GL W MD	—	—	40.50	42.00	39.27	43.00	20.00	NRBS - 39	14.00	15.00	1.00
GL W SM	—	—	23.25	25.38	—	—	4.00				
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	27.43	29.14	7.00				
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	15.00	17.00	1.00				
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	22.50	2.00				

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light for the adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reduced as most operations are on holiday schedules. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light to no better than moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices remain unchanged. Processors were working full schedules next week. Offerings of additional spent fowl were usually fully adequate for the moderate demand. Trade sentiment barely steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked reduced holiday schedules. Offerings ample.

**LIVE HENS**

Prices paid for live hens (trucklot) cents/pounds at farm.

	<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)	
Eastern Light	0	(2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)	
No. Central Light	0-5	(2)	

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading  
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Dec-99  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A  
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED  
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	81.26	78.88	58.70
SOUTHERN	75.35	73.30	56.07
MIDWEST	71.24	70.00	50.64
WESTERN	100.87	97.25	84.95
TWELVE METRO AREAS	85.60	83.07	66.24

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED  
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Prices were generally unchanged from last week values. Trading was mostly light with most sellers on reduced schedules. Demand was fair. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was about steady to steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (WITHOUT NECKS)
25.75-26.25 MAJORITY	31-35.25 MAJORITY 34-35
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-28 MAJORITY 25-26	32-36.75 MAJORITY 36-36.75

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 25-DEC-99

(NOT AVAILABLE)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**  
(PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
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SOURCE: AGRI. CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
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**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**  
**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending December 18, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	320	333	13,052	14,633
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	32	644	740
Total	320	365	13,702	15,423

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending December 18, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	31	0	4,487	3,932
Frozen	3	0	609	215
Dried	0	0	310	235
Total	34	0	5,406	4,382

**Inspected Shell Eggs**
**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending December 18, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	950	0	2,368	1,399
Extra Large	1,850	1,917	44,412	39,019
Large	6,575	5,670	153,423	136,182
Medium	240	2,904	53,196	67,655
Ungraded	12,770	6,600	624,383	368,993
Misc	0	0	11,622	9,117
Total	22,385	17,091	889,404	622,365

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.  
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**DETROIT** PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
75-78	66-72	64-69	44-49	28-32

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
50-52	32-34	18-20

**NEW ENGLAND** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
122-125	98-101	87-90	44-47	14-17

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 27-Dec-99	4,817	64,552	74,694
AM 1-Dec-99	3,309	82,430	74,738
CHG	1508	-17878	-44
PCT CHG	46	-22	0

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 25-Dec-99

**SELECTED**

CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	33.3	32.6	2	-4
BOSTON	4.2	3.6	17	-51
CHICAGO	58.6	63.4	-8	17
DETROIT	38.2	45.9	-17	1
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	96.8	100.3	-3	20
NEW ORLEANS	13.2	12.4	6	-18
NEW YORK	43.5	47.6	-9	2
ST. LOUIS	15.9	15.3	4	15
SAN FRANCISCO	25.9	24.4	6	9
TOTAL	329.7	345.6	-5	7
4 WK MVG AVG	316.7			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 25-Dec-99  
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	261.2	9.0	3
E.N. CENTRAL	478.5	0	9
W.N. CENTRAL	203.5	7.0	15
S. ATLANTIC	219.2	-3.0	6
S. CENTRAL	78.9	-1.0	2
WEST	24.0	-88.0	-10
TOTAL	1265.3	-11.0	5

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 90

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG** DECEMBER 28, 1999.  
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS  
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	131	120	77	47
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	123-127	112-116	70-74	40-44
MOSTLY	125-126	114-115	72-73	42-43
RHODE ISLAND	127-131	116-120	73-77	43-47
MOSTLY	127	116	73	43
VERMONT	130-134	120-123	79-80	-
MOSTLY	134	123	80	-

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